



# Newsletter

Spring 2023

Dear Friends of Sheltie Rescue,

In March I celebrated 20 years of Sheltie Rescue. It all started with a darling little sable boy picked up as a stray by the City of Sacramento. I named him Walker. I've never regretted devoting two decades to this beautiful breed. It's been a fulfilling journey, full of wonderful dogs and getting to know the fantastic people who love them.

We're seeing more incoming Shelties this year since before the pandemic began. Since January we have taken in 7 Shelties with an average age of 8½. Last year our total intake was 14 with the average age also 8½. It is notable that we are taking in more pairs; Bonnie & Buddy, Brighid & Gabby, Pepper & Tristan, Hershey & Snickers, Mickey & Scooter, Cookie & Happy. Many of these pairs are geriatric and/or health compromised. For their emotional and mental well being we like to keep them together while we assess their longterm needs. As a small rescue operation, finding foster homes is always a challenge and we are grateful for the great work these foster parents do for our breed.

Speaking of volunteers, you will find a lovely tribute in this issue to Vicki Jones, a longtime core volunteer for NorCal Sheltie Rescue, who passed away late last year. Another important volunteer and former board secretary, Liliane Morin, put together this heartfelt and beautiful tribute celebrating Vicki's many selfless contributions devoted to rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming many Shelties in need. Liliane, too, has been a significant contributor in her support, doing everything from pulling from shelters, transporting, fostering, assisting the treasurer with spreadsheet support, putting on fantastic raffles at our annual spring Celebration, and serving as secretary on our board. While stepping away to pursue other volunteer opportunities, Liliane assures us that she will help on an as needed basis and continue to pair with Kathie Goheen, one of our core volunteers, to create and operate our fantastic annual Spring Celebration raffle and silent auction. Thank you, Liliane, for your many contributions.

The board continues to work with our volunteer base for planning the long term viability of NorCal Sheltie Rescue. Discussions are ongoing with training and mentoring already beginning for important responsibilities such as Intake and Foster Home Coordination, Adoptions, Veterinary Care, and fiscal stewardship.

Thanks to those of you who send us photos and updates. Your input helps our editor, Terry, assemble an informative and entertaining semiannual newsletter. As always, we are grateful for your support through your actions and your donations. We couldn't do this without you.

Warm regards,  
**Gale Ann**



We hope to see you at our **Sheltie Celebration** this year on **May 20** in **Pleasant Grove** — see the flyer with this **newsletter**. It always reinvigorates our rescue team, as we greet our fellow volunteers, adopters, and supporters and take the opportunity to thank them for all their good work. Shelties love the event, frolicking and barking in the play area, making new friends, herding goats, practicing obedience and agility skills, and hanging out with their people. Fun times for all of us!

## Victoria (Vicki) Brigid Doyle-Jones – In Memoriam

### Favorite Recollections from NorCal Sheltie Rescue & NorCal Collie Rescue

We, Roger and Susan Sullivan, met Vicki and Bob many years ago when we were introduced to Bonnie, our sheltie, at Vicki's home and our friendship has lasted ever since. Vicki was always friendly, happy to help anyone, very outgoing, giving and a very great person. She always made us feel welcome in her home. We remember all the times we were at sheltie romps and gatherings at her home. Bonnie was the miracle sheltie that overcame all of the bad care, neglect and treatment or lack thereof thanks to Vicki's loving care. We adopted her and it was love at first sight by all of us. She got along with our other two shelties, Shelly and Dakota. We called them the three musketeers and Bonny played the part well. Pictured is a painting of Bonnie that Vicki did for us and is one of our most valued Vicki treasures beside her friendship. Vicki, you will be missed, remain in our hearts and memories for ever.

Love always,

Roger and Susan Sullivan



Bonnie painting by Vicki



Vicki's romp, 2016

My favorite memory of Vicki is from when she saved my dog Manchester, from being potentially lost in a huge crowd of people. It was in October 2012 when we were having the "Sheltie Rescue on Parade" event at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. I was one of the people coordinating and setting up the raffle that day. I had put my dogs, Gracie and Manchester, in my x-pen next to the tables that were going to be used to display the raffle items. I then unloaded my car with all of the raffle baskets, tablecloths, and other items for the raffle, and drove back to the parking lot to park my car. When I came back, I found out that Manchester (who was an oversized sheltie) was so concerned about me leaving that he jumped onto the table next to the x-pen, and proceeded to run after my car. Many folks started calling out to him, and also to others saying "stop that dog". Vicki was nearby and heard all this, and then sprinted into action....literally. Many people don't know that Vicki had been a long distance runner and was a candidate for the Olympics decades before. Well, Vicki caught up with Manchester and was able to corner him into someone's area and was able to harness him and bring him back to the Sheltie Rescue area. Of course, I had no idea that all of this had happened, and only found out once I got back to the raffle area. Needless to say, I will always be grateful to Vicki for her quick thinking and quick action and her ability to get my dear Manchester back to me, safe and sound!!

By Liliame Morin

I have so many wonderful memories of Vicki that it is hard to name which is my favorite. Vicki was so very much to me -- a cherished friend and a rescue mentor. We both had a Collie, her Camille and my Lulu, as well as Shelties when we first met. She opened her house and her heart to me on many occasions. Vicki loved to have Sheltie and Collie romps at her house, whether it was with just a few friends with their dogs, or her big 4th of July bash with 50 +/- dogs with their people. Vicki was also a gifted Artist and I have several of her paintings.

I feel we were all cheated when she was taken from us in the way that she was. ALS is a horrible disease. The last several times I saw her, when she was sick, Vicki was delighted to see us, and asked what the party was about. We were celebrating you, Vicki. And whenever I would go down to visit Vicki and Bob, she would always ask me how long I can stay, followed by "stay forever". Well Vicki, you will "stay forever" in my heart.

By Kathie Goheen



Lulu painting by Vicki



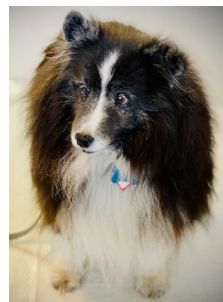
Vicki at dog show

Vicki began volunteering for NorCal Sheltie Rescue in January 2006 when she fostered a little bi-black girl appropriately named Mischief. For many years Vicki and her husband, Bob, were stalwart supporters of NorCal Sheltie Rescue. They fostered numerous rescue Shelties for us and were active players in our volunteer community. As the editor of our NCSR newsletter for some years Vicki made another mark as a major positive contributor to our efforts to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome Northern California Shelties in need. A true original with a heart of gold, Vicki is mourned. She was a loving and loyal friend that I miss.

By Gale Ann Morris



Gabby



Brigid



Vicki & girls



## Vicki tribute (continued)



Dilly

Through our shared mission of volunteering for NorCal Sheltie Rescue, I had the pleasure of working with Vicki for many years. She was always the first person to raise her hand and offer her help, no matter the task: making phone calls, arranging a dog's pickup, doing home checks, transporting to a new home, fostering, assembling, editing, and publishing our newsletter. Our rescue team relaxed when Vicki was on the job.

One of my favorite Vicki stories concerned a special dog named Dilly. She fostered him briefly and gave us a harrowing account of trying to walk him while he jumped on top of any available mailbox along the route. Thanks to her detailed assessment of his needs, we were able to place him in a performance home, where he happily herded hundreds of goats, sheep, and ducks.

When she moved to Oregon, she wasted no time in collecting a whole new group of Sheltie lovers and playing hostess to her new friends. Her talents, generosity, and kindness knew no bounds. We miss her already but we'll be telling her stories for years to come.

By Terry Gary

My fondest memory of Vicki Jones is our first meeting. Vicki used to tell the story of how we first met, at every gathering of "dog people" and it got better with every telling. She was THE best story-teller of all time, taking full artistic license to embellish on the actual facts, enhancing the tale with just the right vocal nuance and body language to make it compelling and hysterical every time. I won't do it justice, but here goes...

I first met Vicki up at "Camp Collie," during the famous Collie rescue of 181 Collies in 2002-2003 in Shelby, and then Great Falls, Montana. Apparently Vicki was at Camp Collie working in the kennel area cleaning up dog pens when someone told her that another volunteer had just arrived from California. I was standing out front and she came up to me and said, "I hear you're from California, so am I!" After a back and forth, we realized we were both from Northern California, then narrowed it down to the Bay Area, then the SF Peninsula near Stanford, then Woodside. It turned out that Vicki and I met in Montana but only lived 3 miles from each other!

What were the odds that two Woodsiders with a shared love of Collies, would make the trek to Montana to volunteer at a rescue, and during the same few days? We must have passed each other in town a hundred times and never met or saw each other's collies. We clicked immediately, and the experience propelled us both into lives dedicated to rescuing Collies and Shelties. We even drove back up to Montana together to pick up our chosen Collies, her Camille and my Vinnie (both now at the Rainbow Bridge), and brought them home when the court case finally ended in the dogs' favor 10 months later.

By Andrea Moss



Vicki's painting of my dog Shep

What can I say about Vicki Doyle Jones? Vicki was a lovely artist, committed rescuer and a kind, caring human being. I first met Vicki in person not long after moving to Northern California 11 years ago. She had several large sized crates and offered them to NorCal Collie Rescue (NCR). When I came up to pick up the crates, Vicki asked if I could stay for lunch, to which I said YES. In our conversations prior to driving up, Vicki knew that I had just recently moved to the area and was new with NCR. When I arrived, Vicki had thoughtfully invited other like-minded dog lovers and rescuers. We had a lovely afternoon laughing, sharing stories and getting to know one another. I like to think she did this just for me so I could meet other folks with our passion but I just think that is how Vicki was.... always ready to share a meal, a laugh, and a story with both old and new friends alike. Vicki made me feel as if we had been friends forever and I am sure I am not the only one she made feel that way. I had the pleasure of being Vicki's friend and co-rescuer over the next several years and it was always the same – a laugh and a story – even after she moved to Oregon. I just wish I had had the opportunity to see her again once she moved back to California, for one more lunch, one more laugh and one more story.....

By Lauren Caudill



Sheltie Retreat



Vicki designed & painted the NCR logo





**Pepper**

Adopted by Chantal



**Tristen**

Adopted by Karen and family



**Scooter**

Adopted by Rosa & Daryl



**Mickey**

Adopted by Stephen



**Rion**

Adopted by Barbara & Joe

# *Thank you*

NorCal Sheltie Rescue covers the geographic areas from Bakersfield to the California/Oregon border. These **special volunteers** have covered us well, consistently supporting our efforts throughout the years. In Bakersfield, **Debbie, Lisa, and Lou** recently rescued Susie, a seriously ill dog in one of their local shelters, and got her promptly fostered and vetted. **Luz and Bob** have fostered and adopted several Shelties from us. In the Bay Area, **Kathy and David** recently completed two missions, from start to finish. In the first case, they pulled Mickey and Scooter from a shelter, fostered them, drove one to his new home, and then handled their adoptions. In the next case, they picked up two dogs from a private home, fostered them, and handled the transfer to their foster home. **Wendy and Dick** picked up two seniors and will foster them through their vet care. **Rhonda** is fostering Hershey and Snickers, each with serious health issues. In the Central Valley, **Lynn** took in Vicki's two Shelties, Gabby and Brigid (see Vicki tribute) and continues to foster them. In the North Coast, **Jean** is permanently fostering two senior dogs that were in desperate need of a home. Finally, we're proud of our rescue of two shelties in Oregon whose owner was unable to care for them. **Kimberly & Todd** welcomed Zoey into their home; **Laura** picked up Rion and fostered him for a few months — he's now got a new home with Barbara and Joe.

No matter the mission, these volunteers raise their hands. Thank you for all your contributions to our Shelties and our rescue team!



# Special Needs Program

NorCal Sheltie Rescue's Special Needs program is dedicated to providing high quality lives to dogs that require extensive medical care and attention. We are very proud of this program because we accept virtually all Shelties into our care. We are fortunate to have a few volunteers who are happy to open their homes to a "medically challenged" or senior dog, commenting on how sweet their temperaments are and how they seem almost grateful to spend their golden years in such wonderful homes. Right now we have **seven** Shelties in our special needs program. Many thanks to Jean, Rhonda, and Lynn, each of whom is fostering two Shelties, permanently!



**Snickers** is our latest addition. He came into Norcal Sheltie Rescue when he and his partner Hershey were found filthy and wandering in the fields south of San Jose, with no tags or chips. We contacted the local shelter and promptly placed them both in an experienced special needs foster home. After thorough vetting, we discovered that Snickers has a dangerous gall bladder condition. He goes back for reevaluation at the end of April, where the internal medicine vet will do an ultrasound and bloodwork to help us determine whether or not the surgery to remove his gall bladder is still warranted. If not, he can continue on a medical management plan with prescription food, medications and liver supplements. He's estimated to be about 10 years old and he likes to play with toys and go for walks. We greatly appreciate your donations for this special boy!

Please contact Norcal Sheltie Rescue directly to help with veterinary expenses, through our website @ [www.norcalsheltierescue.org](http://www.norcalsheltierescue.org) or on PayPal on the Norcal Sheltie FB page. Thank you for your support of this program!

## NCSR Succession Planning

The current leadership of NorCal Sheltie Rescue has begun a discussion of planning for the future and expanding volunteer and leadership opportunities. We want to ensure that our organization continues to thrive, without any major interruptions, for years to come, and we want to provide plenty of time for training and mentoring. Establishing a succession plan that includes a strong volunteer base and a smooth transition of leadership is critical to our organization's survival. We have several supporters who have already agreed to expanded roles, including key positions. But we continue to look for more participation. Here are just a few of our routine needs:

- Fostering a Sheltie in your home
- Transporting a Sheltie to a foster home
- Pulling a Sheltie from a shelter
- Assisting with website management
- Monitoring social media
- Fundraising
- Training
- Assisting at public events

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We appreciate the wide variety of experiences within our larger Sheltie network and hope to draw from within this group to plan our future. If you would like more information or have ideas to share, please contact Terry at [tgarycool@gmail.com](mailto:tgarycool@gmail.com) or (530)613-5006. We hope you will join us in rescuing, rehabilitating, and re-homing Shelties in need, in whichever way(s) you'd like to contribute!

# Rainbow Bridge



**Koda**  
Loved by Jean



**Gemma**  
Loved by Jeanne



**Annabelle**  
Loved by Kimberley & Richard



**Baby Girl**  
Loved by Vickie



**Susie**  
Loved by Lisa, Lou, Debbie, Gale Ann



**Happy**  
Loved by Wendy & Dick



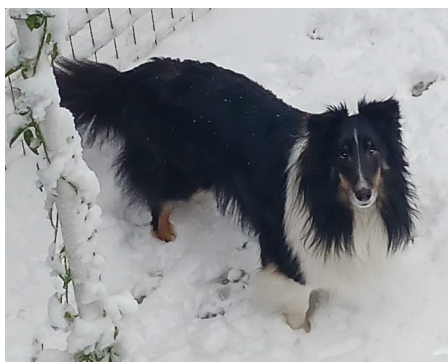
**Sammy**  
Loved by Stephen



**Teddy**  
Loved by Wendy & Dick



# Photo Gallery



**Daisy in winter**



**Hershey sports his new sweater**



**Shiloh celebrates Christmas**



**Zoey, fostered by Kimberly & Todd**



**Birdie wants to play**



**Heidi posing**



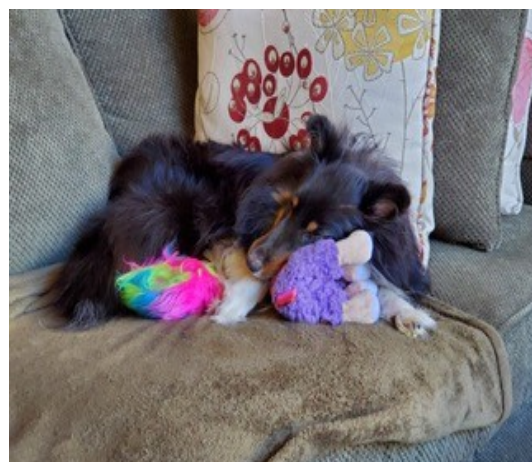
**Pearl & new buddy Zephyr**



**Upside down Shadow**



**Suki on her adoption anniversary**



**Pandora & her toys**

# Our Veterinarians

Below is a list of veterinarians and clinics around Northern California that our rescue team and foster homes have used to care for our Shelties. All are knowledgeable about the Sheltie breed and a few give NCSR discounted services to Shelties in our foster program. We are grateful for their many contributions to our mission and to each and every Sheltie in their care.

Acorn Veterinary Clinic, Davis

Adobe Animal Hospital, Los Altos

Auburn Animal Hospital, Bakersfield

Bayside Animal Hospital, Granite Bay

Blue Ravine Animal Hospital, Folsom

Brighton Greens Veterinary Hospital, Grass Valley

Brink Veterinary Clinic, Shingletown

Franklin Ranch Pet Hospital, Elk Grove

McKinleyville Animal Care Center, McKinleyville

Monterey Peninsula Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center, Monterey

Muir Oaks Veterinary Hospital, Martinez

Pacific & Santa Cruz Veterinary Specialists, Santa Cruz

VCA Bradshaw Veterinary Clinic, Elk Grove

Yolo Veterinary Clinic, Woodland

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